

Mrs. Wazir denied U.S. visa

TORONTO (R) — The United States Tuesday refused to grant an entry visa to a prominent member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) who has just spent two weeks in Canada, a spokesman for the U.S. consulate said. He said Entesar Wazir was denied a visa because she was a member of a proscribed organisation under U.S. immigration law. He did not say which organisation. Mrs. Wazir's husband, Khalil, is second in command of the PLO after Yasser Arafat. A resident of Jordan, she is a member of the Palestinian National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile. Mrs. Wazir declined to reporters after she heard about the decision. But a worker at the Arab Community Centre in Toronto, said Mrs. Wazir was "very, very angry... very upset."

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Fahd receives Iraqi message

BAHRAIN (R) — A top Iraqi nuclear energy official Wednesday delivered a message from President Saddam Hussein to King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Press Agency said. Dr. Human Abdul Khaleq, deputy chairman of the Iraqi Nuclear Energy Committee, gave the message to the king in Riyadh, it reported, but gave no details of the contents. Saudi Arabia has promised to pay for the rebuilding of a nuclear reactor near Baghdad which was destroyed by Israeli bombers in June, 1981. The multi-billion-dollar Osirak reactor, being built by French technicians, was bombed by Israeli planes and newspaper reports said Israeli saboteurs simultaneously set off explosive charges which ripped open the reactor core.

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China renews backing for Fez peace plan

PEKING (Agencies) — China Wednesday reaffirmed its support for the Arab League peace plan which it suggested was consistent with Israel as well as Arab interests. The plan adopted last September during an Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, "embodies the common aspirations of the Palestinian and other Arab people and conforms to the fundamental interest of all states in the region," a commentary in the official New China News Agency said Wednesday.

'Moral grounds' cited for bishops' expulsion

CAIRO (R) — A Greek embassy spokesman said Wednesday five Greek Orthodox bishops were being expelled from Egypt on moral grounds. The move against the bishops was disclosed Tuesday by the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. The ministry did not disclose any grounds for the action. But the Greek embassy spokesman told Reuters: "The orthodox patriarch of Alexandria asked the government to expel them for moral reasons." The spokesman declined to comment further.

Sweden reports unidentified subs

STOCKHOLM (R) — The Swedish navy led two searches for suspected foreign submarines in its waters Wednesday but broke off one of them after the intruder was believed to have left, a defence staff spokesman said. The navy detected a prowler just inside southern Swedish waters early Wednesday and followed the suspected submarine until it entered international waters, a navy spokesman told Reuters. The search was then called off, he added. In another hunt south-east of Stockholm, the navy maintained its vigil in a restricted military zone for a probable submarine, the defence staff spokesman said.

Turkmen to visit Syria

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Iler Turkmen will visit Syria from March 27 to 30, it was announced Wednesday. He will discuss attacks by Armenian guerrillas on Turkish representatives abroad and ask the Syrian government to act against such groups based in Syria, officials said.

Eanes leaves Cairo

CAIRO (R) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes left for home Wednesday after four days of talks with Egyptian officials on bilateral relations, Middle East developments and other issues.

Pym to meet Bahraini minister

LONDON (R) — British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym will meet Bahrain Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Al Khalifa Wednesday night during a stopover on his way to Bangkok, the Foreign Office said. The two ministers were likely to discuss Middle East topics including Arab-Israeli peace prospects and the Iran-Iraq war and the meeting was not expected to last more than two hours. It will be Mr. Pym's first visit to Bahrain since he became foreign minister in April 1982.

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U.S. announces resumption of weapon sales to Israel

WASHINGTON (R) — The Defence Department announced Wednesday it planned to renew arms sales to Israel with the shipment of 200 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles for use on Israeli fighters.

A department spokesman gave no reason for the resumption of arms sales at this time but said it would be the first since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June.

A Pentagon statement said the Defense Department had notified congress it intended to make the sale, valued at \$16 million, in order to help "ensure Israel had the means to defend itself within its own borders."

It said Israel had previously bought 600 of the Sidewinder missiles and could handle the new shipment without the aid of any additional U.S. military personnel or civilian contractors.

The Pentagon statement also said the sale of the missiles "would not have any effect on the basic military balance in the Middle East."

itary cooperation, but U.S. officials say the administration remains unhappy with Israeli policies in Lebanon and elsewhere.

Administration officials said a well-publicised letter last week from Marine commandant Gen. Robert Barrow to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger was a sign of continuing tension, especially over slow progress in getting Israeli forces out of Lebanon.

In the letter, Gen. Barrow accused Israeli troops of deliberately jeopardising the lives of U.S. Marines serving with various peacekeeping forces in Lebanon. Including United Nations units sent there before last year's invasion by Israel.

U.S. officials said Mr. Arens subsequently gave Mr. Weinberger private assurances he would try to prevent future interference by Israeli troops with the American peacekeepers.

But continued U.S. impatience was reflected by the fact that the letter, written at Mr. Weinberger's suggestion, was made public just as confrontations between U.S. and Israeli troops in Lebanon under terms proposed by the United States last week.

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Officials accepted that the impression had been created that Washington was deliberately pub-

licising the matter in order to increase the pressure on Israel for a rapid pull-out from Lebanon under terms proposed by the United States last week.

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HOME NEWS

Council studies pilgrims' problems

AMMAN (Petra) — The higher Awqaf council will hold a meeting Saturday to discuss complaints raised by Muslim pilgrims after performing the pilgrimage to Mecca last year.

The council is chaired by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif.

Chinese team to visit Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A seven-member parliamentary delegation from the People's Republic of China will arrive here in the coming month for a visit to Jordan.

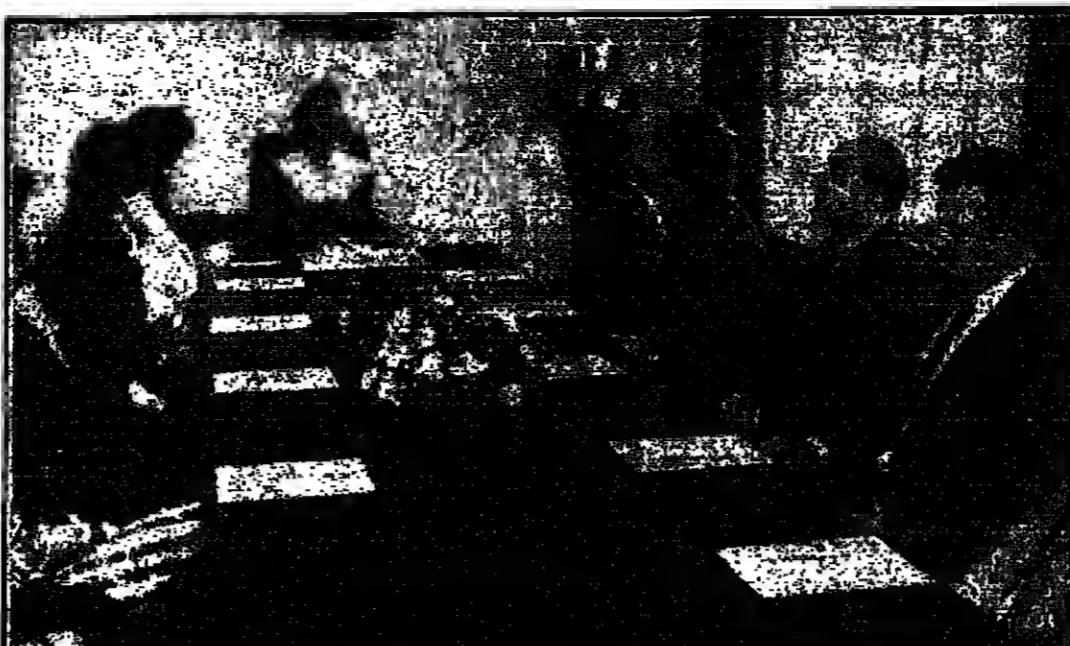
During the visit, the delegation's members will meet the speakers and members of the Senate and the N.C.C.

UNEP team holds more talks on environment

AMMAN (J.T.) — A visiting team from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) held talks here Wednesday with the President of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature Anis Mu'asher.

The team members were briefed on the society's activities and programmes which relate to the preservation of nature and the wild-life reserves of Jordan.

The Nairobi-based UNEP was established in 1972 to provide the machinery for international cooperation in environment related matters.



The Duchess of Kent (head of table) is briefed by Her Highness Princess Basma (fourth from right) on Jordan's facilities for the handicapped (Petra photo)

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Duchess briefed on social works

AMMAN (Petra) — The Duke and Duchess of Kent Wednesday had a meeting with Her Highness Princess Basma, chairman of the board of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF), who briefed them on the fund's activities and achievements in voluntary and social work in Jordan.

The QAJWF operates centres for the rehabilitation of physically handicapped people in Amman and Irbid, a centre for the education of the deaf at Yajouz, another for rehabilitation of the mentally retarded at Karak, and centres for basic social skills development in Madaba, and Ghor Al Mazra'a.

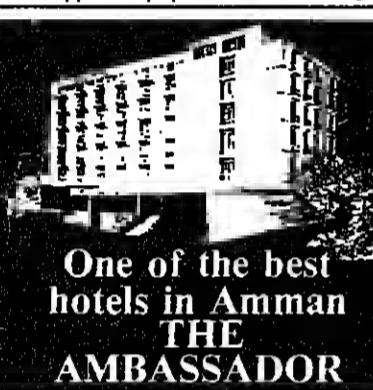
During the meeting the Duchess offered material assistance to one of these centres.

Princess Basma presented her guests with a token gift in the presence of the fund's board members and employees.

Later Princess Basma accompanied the Duchess on a visit to the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped in Amman where the visitor inspected the various services offered to the patients and was briefed on the centre's programmes.

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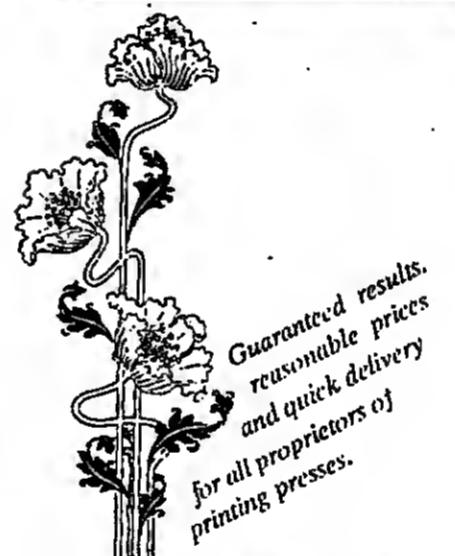
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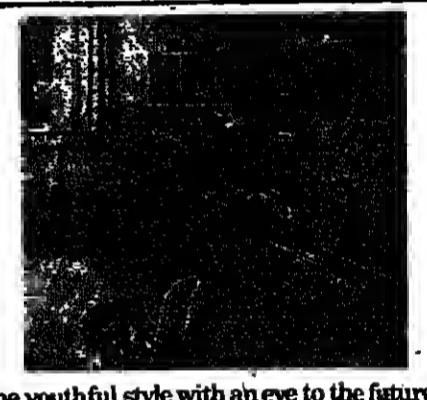
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HOME NEWS

EEC chief to arrive Friday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Vice-President of the Commission of the European Economic Community Mr. Lorenzo Natali is expected to arrive in Amman Friday for a three-day visit.

Mr. Natali, who was appointed vice-president in 1977, has several special responsibilities one of which is for policy development in the Mediterranean area.

The main point of his visit is to hold discussions with the Jordanian government on the community's policy in the Mediterranean region and the effects of enlarging the membership of EEC on the Arab countries of the area.

The same topic has been discussed by Mr. Natali with first the Maghreb countries and then the Egyptian government earlier this year.

Mr. Natali, along with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, will inaugurate the European community Spring Festival on March 27.

Women's book exhibition to open Saturday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Bassma an exhibition of books and paintings will be opened Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Amman Hotel-hotel training centre.

The three-day exhibition, which is organised by the Arab women graduates, will include books in Arabic and English and paintings by Jordanian women.

Scholar gives Islam lectures

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Syrian-born American scholar has wound up a week-long programme of lectures which she delivered at a number of Jordanian institutions.

Dr. Yvonne Haddad, who is associate professor of Islamic studies at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut, spoke mainly about Islam, Islamic culture, Muslim women in the U.S. and the meaning of Islam in the modern world.

Dr. Haddad, who visited Jordanian universities and educational institutions, was received Wednesday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The scholar, who is currently on a tour of Arab states, met leading journalist and writer Jumia Hamad, dean of the Sharif Faculty at the University of Jordan and other leading intellectuals and university professors.

Dr. Haddad is due to leave for Kuwait Friday at the end of her stay in Jordan.

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(West Germany)
Turkish Crackdown
Soviet Warning
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OPEC Problems

Islam conference delegates visit the front

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates participating in a seminar on "Islam and the economy" at the University of Jordan Wednesday visited the positions of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division.

The delegates were briefed by army officers on the details of Al Karameh Battle which took place in March 1968. The delegates later toured the Martyrs Monument at the battle's site, the King Hussein Bridge across the River Jordan and the Dead Sea.

The delegates were accompanied on their tour by the commander of the division and several senior officers.

CAEU sets date in April for extraordinary session

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) holds its extraordinary ministerial meeting in Amman on April 3rd to discuss Arab economic issues.

Arab ministers of finance, economy and trade, who will attend the meeting, will hear a report presented by the CEAU's spokesman Wednesday. He said that the meeting will be preceded by preparatory talks by ministerial deputies to review the CEAU's activities.

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Delegates from the seminar examining the relationship between Islam and the economy Wednesday visits the positions of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division (Petra photo)

Italy to finance graphic art institute in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Italian government has expressed a desire to establish a graphic institute in Amman for the teaching of printing, book binding and graphic arts.

The offer was made by the Italian embassy Counsellor Dr. Luca del Palzo at a meeting with the Ministry of Education's Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabyat.

Dr. del Palzo said that the Ita-

lian government is ready to finance the building and equipping of the centre as well as supplying an expert in art to supervise the training Jordanian personnel.

Jordan has a uniquely central position in Arab World but sadly

lacks such a centre, thus it is hoped that the projected centre will serve as a regional base for the training of nationals from neighbouring countries, Dr. Del Palzo said.

School students at the pre-primary and secondary stage will be offered between two and three-year training courses, he said.

New bridges opening times announced

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department Wednesday announced the following schedule for the opening and closing of the King Hussein and Prince Mohammad Bridges across the River Jordan:

Monday March 28: The bridges will be open normally but the number of travellers will be lim-

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This decision was made at a committee meeting Tuesday held under the chairmanship of Civil Defence Department Director Khaled Tarawneh, according to Mr. Ali Dajani committee member and director of the Amman Chamber of Industry.

The building and its equipment will be financed by the Jordanian private sector, while specialists from the Telecommunications Corporation (ITCC) will install

radio telephones to ensure direct contact with various industrial institutions in case of danger or fire.

Mr. Dajani said, The computers will be used comprehensively to record all information including the location of the fire accidents and other risks, and the measures required to deal with them, he added.

The committee is made up of representatives from the Amman Chamber of Industry, the General Federation of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce, the Industrial Development Bank, the Royal Scientific Society and factory owners.

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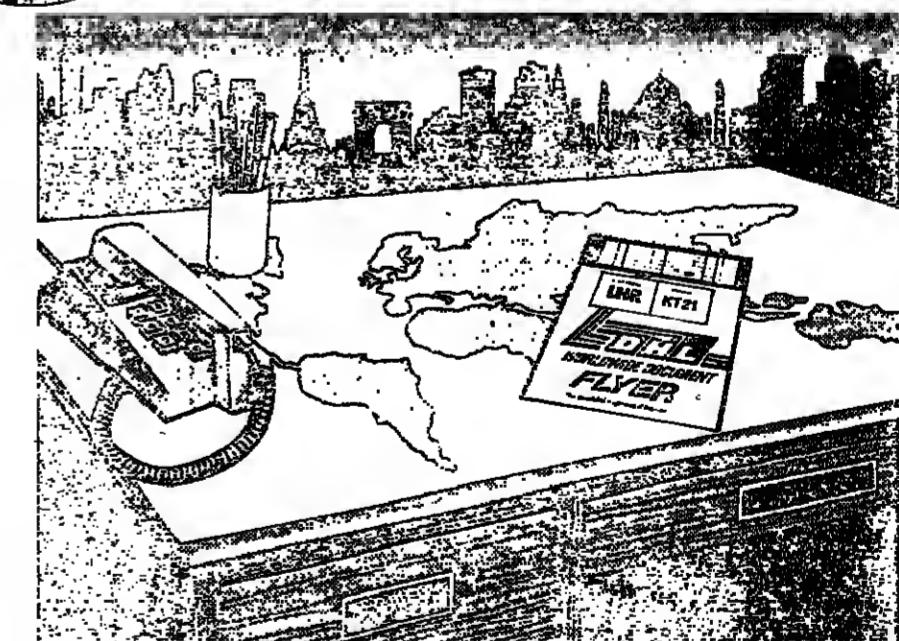
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SPORTS

Olympics shooting events likely to be rescheduled for Las Vegas

NEW DELHI (R) — The shooting events at next year's Los Angeles Olympics seemed likely Wednesday to be rescheduled for the Nevada gambling capital of Las Vegas despite the reservations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Two months ago the IOC dismissed the proposals of the Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOC) to hold the shooting competitions in Las Vegas after failing to find a suitable venue in the Los Angeles area.

The IOC felt then that Las Vegas was too far from the main area of the games and that it would be unacceptable to have a fourth Olympic village solely for a demonstration competition.

LAOC executive vice-president and general manager Harry Usher told Reuters Wednesday that the inclusion of shooting in the games appeared in jeopardy because his committee had inspected 55 sites in California and none had proved suitable.

Asked whether there was a serious risk of shooting being axed from the games unless the IOC dropped its objection to Las Vegas Usher said: "I would hope that a sport that has been in the games since their inception in 1980 would not be dropped, but it's possible. A decision has to be made in the next couple of months."

But IOC director Monique Berlioux later told a news conference that the IOC executive board had ruled in January that there was no question of shooting being withdrawn from the games or staged in another country.

Although she would not be drawn on the possibility of holding the events in Las Vegas, Olympic observers saw this as the only apparent solution.

"We're in good shape in Las Vegas," Usher said. "The infrastructure is available from the Formula One motor racing Grand Prix and equipment is on order."

He said the 55 Californian sites had been ruled out either on the grounds of excessive development costs or because of the objections of ecologists and home owners.

But he was also critical of the role of the U.S. governing body for shooting, the National Rifle Association (NRA), which he said was more interested in political lobbying than in advancing its own sport.

"If the NRA would take one moment to educate the public about the benefits of shooting as a sport, I think the controversies it stirs up would at least become

more palatable when people understand that there is a sporting side to the use of guns."

Berlioux was more optimistic about another controversial area of the Los Angeles programme, the board sailing events which are scheduled to be included in the games for the first time.

A legal battle between rival manufacturers was resolved when the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) worked out a compromise which would allow one manufacturer to supply boards for the Olympic events and the second to provide equipment for a special demonstration competition.

The IOC had been expected to comply in January with an IOC request to submit a written application for the demonstration event to be held. When this was not done the IYRU expressed concern that the compromise agreement might collapse and that the sport might be dropped from the LAOC's right under the terms

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ECONOMY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kremlin settles unpaid taxes

LONDON (R) — A threat of a lawsuit persuaded the Kremlin Tuesday to settle 15 years of unpaid property taxes on its London trade mission. Moscow agreed to pay 60 per cent of the £517,000 (\$750,000) owed to the local authority, Camden Council. Britain would donate the rest, the council announced. The council began moves to take the Soviet Union to court to recover the money but suspended action when the two countries began talks on the dispute in Moscow two weeks ago. Moscow agreed to pay rates (local taxes) on its trade mission in 1934 and did so until 1942 when Britain, as a gesture to a wartime ally, said it would pay them. The mission moved into its present, bigger building in 1968 and the British stopped paying. Moscow refused to pay, claiming diplomatic immunity.

Arab company expands fleet

DOHA (OPECNA) — The United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) will take delivery of three new ships in Seoul, South Korea, Friday with another eight on order. The UASC is jointly owned by Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates and operates regular routes to the Middle East, the Far East, the United States, Latin America and Africa. Though the ships are owned and operated by the company, they fly the flags of the member countries.

Brunei cuts oil prices by \$5

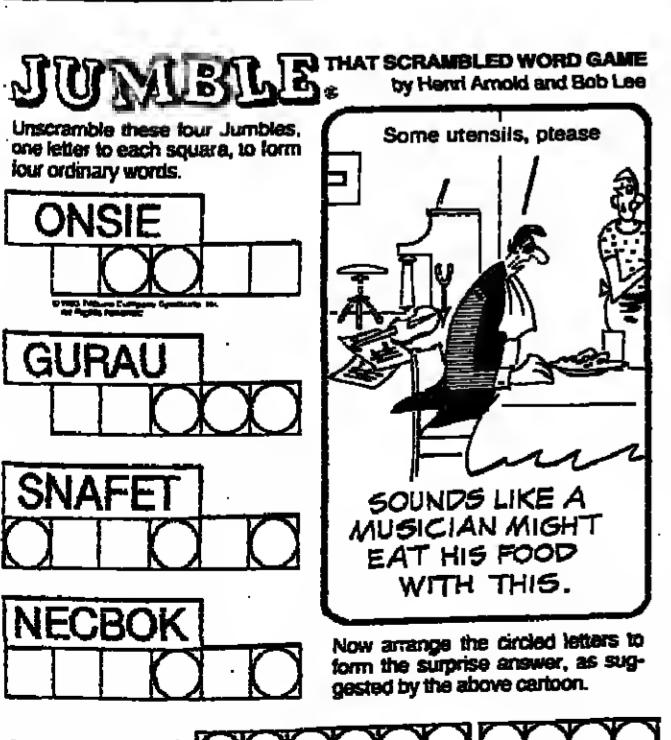
KUALA LUMPUR (R) — The sultanate of Brunei, a non-OPEC member, has dropped its crude oil prices by \$5 a barrel in line with last week's cut by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), industry sources said Wednesday. The reduction, retroactive to Feb. 1, brings the price of its main blend, Sura light export blend, down to \$30.10 a barrel. Its Champion blend is now \$29.10. Brunei's price cut follows that of neighbouring Malaysia, also a non-OPEC member but a net oil exporter, which reduced the price of its high-quality light crude by an average \$5.50 a barrel.

Argentine union calls for strike

BUENOS AIRES (R) — The moderate wing of Argentina's trade union movement Tuesday called a 24-hour general strike next Monday to protest against the military government's economic policy. Union leader Mr. Jorge Triaca told reporters the strike was for higher wages and changes in economic policy. Argentina's trade union movement is split in two big factions. There was no immediate word whether the hardline wing, CGT Brasil, would back the strike. Both unions took part in a 24-hour general strike which virtually paralysed the country last Dec. 6.

Tin surplus pressures Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysia, the world's largest tin producer, said Wednesday it expected enforced export cutbacks to continue until the end of 1984 despite current soaring prices on the London market. "The accumulated surplus of tin overhanging the market is 80,000 to 90,000 tonnes and this continues to threaten the very survival of the tin industry," Malaysia's Primary Industries Minister Paul Leong told a press conference. Tin prices hit a record on the London metal exchange Tuesday at £9,180 a tonne (\$6.14 a pound), but sterling's current weakness distorted the reality, Mr. Leong said. The minister was speaking as producer and consumer country members of the International Tin Council were reported to have agreed informally in London to maintain export quotas for the second quarter of 1983 at their current level, requiring producers to curtail exports by 36 per cent.



Dollar strengthens

LONDON (R) — Sterling hit a record low of \$1.4595 in London Wednesday as the dollar continued to strengthen against all currencies.

Dealers said the dollar was being pushed up on hopes of higher U.S. interest rates, which would make it more attractive to investors and speculators.

The possibility of further falls in oil prices, meanwhile, continued to undermine sterling.

An oil price war would cut Britain's profits from the North Sea oil fields and hit its balance of payments, further weakening confidence in the pound and pushing up import costs.

This in turn could threaten the government's anti-inflation poli-

cies and push up interest rates, diminishing hopes for an economic recovery.

Sterling also weakened against a number of other European currencies after strengthening early in the day.

The Bank of England's trade-weighted index, a basket of currencies of Britain's major trading partners with a 1975 base of 100, rose at the London opening to 78.8 points after closing Tuesday at 78.5, its lowest level since late 1976.

In late morning trading, sterling eased to 3.5410 marks after opening at 3.5588 and closing Tuesday at 3.5468.

Sterling's trade-weighted index fell to 78.3 points at noon.

Consumer prices in U.S. fall

WASHINGTON (R) — Cheaper oil pushed down consumer prices in the United States 0.2 percent in February, only the second monthly drop since 1965, the Labour Department said Wednesday.

Last month's drop would mean a fall of 2.4 per cent in prices over a full year and compares with an increase of 3.9 per cent in 1982.

Most economists had expected consumer prices, the most widely watched indicator of inflation, to change little in February from January and many had predicted a slight increase.

WASHINGON (R) — Record post-war unemployment in the European Economic Community (EEC) showed no sign of easing last month, defying expectations of a seasonal fall, the community's statistics office said Wednesday.

The number of jobless in the 10-nation bloc was 12.4 million or 10.9 per cent of the work force, the same as in January.

Jobless rate in European Economic Community shows no sign of easing

This was in contrast to previous years when unemployment peaked in January and then showed a seasonal decline of between one and four per cent in the following month, the office said in a statement.

"Just because the figures haven't changed does not mean the upward trend has been halted," one senior community economist said.

West Germany showed the largest increase of two per cent over January, with men accounting for almost the entire rise.

Compared with one year ago, the community total rose by 1.6 per cent, with more than 1.7 million people without jobs.

West Germany again had the largest rise of almost one third, the office said.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, MAR. 24, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have excellent judgment in the early part of the day, so make important decisions at this time. Figure out how you can structure your life more easily and gain your aims.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact higherups and get them to go along with a sensible plan you have in mind. Improve your appearance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan time for conferring with associates about the future. Once your work is done, devote yourself to the romantic side of life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Handle those important business matters well during daytime and seek advice from experts. Be more practical.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you come to a better agreement with associates, much more can be accomplished in the future.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Find better ways for getting ahead in your line of endeavor. You can benefit by engaging in civic work at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A special skill you have can be used at this time. Find the right appliances that make your work more productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take the time to please family members today by doing what is expected of you. Use utmost care in travel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your routines well and see how you can make them run more efficiently. Others are more inclined to help you now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure that your monetary affairs are in good order. Avoid a temptation to spend beyond your means.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Schedule your activities well early in the day so you can accomplish more in business and in personal affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan the future more wisely, either in the privacy of your study, or with a trusted adviser. Steer clear of a troublemaker.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Confer with a loyal friend and discuss how to gain your personal aims more readily. Be sure to keep promises you've made.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . be or she will be a born organizer and should have the education directed along such lines for greatest success during lifetime. One who will be especially good in business management. A fine person here.

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FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAR. 25, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you should avoid getting into arguments, otherwise you could lose out where it counts the most. Make plans to build a more secure future for yourself.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study creative ideas you have and build a sound foundation for the future. Engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Plan to have more of the good things in life by using your talents to best advantage. Sidestep a troublemaker.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study your surroundings and then quietly go about making needed changes. A new venture can be most successful.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Come to a better understanding with associates. An invitation could lead to an interesting experience.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Engage in the more practical aspects of your living instead of spending so much time on fun and frolic. Be sensible.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A fine day to engage in some new activity that will be inspiring to you. Stop worrying about matters unrelated to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Listen carefully to what an expert has to suggest and you find the right solution to a pending problem. Be more cheerful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Try to understand what associates and good friends expect of you and endeavor to please them. Take it easy tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure you carry through with civic duties you have assumed and get the right results. Avoid arguments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You are highly inspired and can accomplish a great deal today. Be alert to opportunities at hand. Be logical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Handle obligations before engaging in amusements. Become more skilled in your line of endeavor. Be courteous to others.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Come to an agreement with associates on a joint project you have in mind. Avoid temptation to argue with co-worker.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . be or she will have a practical nature but will also appreciate the importance of idealism. Make sure you provide the kind of education that will encourage your progeny to tackle large projects and bring to a workable level.

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Peanuts



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Andy Capp



WORLD

Nicaragua alleges border post attack by Honduras

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaragua said Wednesday Honduran troops had attacked a Nica agu in border post under a U.S. plan to provoke all-out war between the two countries.

The accusation came two days after Nicaragua's left-wing government said its army was battling a force of 1,400 guerrillas from Honduras which had penetrated deep into the country.

Diplomats said the latest fighting, the most serious since the end of the Nicaraguan Civil War in 1979, could threaten the fragile status quo in volatile Central America.

The Nicaraguan charge was made in a formal note of protest to Honduran Foreign Minister Edmundo Paz Barnica signed by Deputy Foreign Minister Nora Asisorga.

It said Honduran troops using heavy machineguns, 81 mm mortars and assault rifles twice attacked the northwestern border

post of Vado Ancho last Sunday. Honduran troops massed at a nearby border section on Monday, it said.

The note, sent to Honduras Tuesday night and published in Managua Wednesday, made no mention of casualties in the reported attack but it said Nicaraguan troops did not return fire.

Nicaraguan Defence Minister Humberto Ortega accused Washington on Monday of masterminding the rightist push into Nicaragua with the help of Honduras, a close ally of the United States.

The protest note contained the first mention of alleged direct military action by Honduran troops since news of the right-wing guerrilla operation leaked out earlier this month.

The operation was mounted by the Democratic Nicaraguan Front (FDN), an exile group pledged to overthrow the Sandinista National Liberation Front which has ruled

Nicaragua since it ousted right-wing dictator Anastasio Somoza in July, 1979.

Aid to El Salvador

WASHINGTON (R) — A Senate subcommittee was near agreement Wednesday on approving in full President Reagan's request for \$60 million in emergency military aid to El Salvador, members of the committee said.

But they said it was still trying to decide the wording of language calling for a limit of \$5 U.S. military trainers in El Salvador, peace negotiations between the government and insurgents and the prosecution of National Guardsmen accused of murdering four American churchwomen in 1980.

The Senate and House Appropriations Committees have until midnight Thursday to decide whether to veto the president's plan to shift the \$60 million to El Salvador appealed for people to act calmly and safeguard democracy.

FBI allegedly tracked John Lennon for months

LOS ANGELES (R) — A history professor who says government documents show FBI agents followed John Lennon for months, hoping to arrest him, has asked a court to order the release of more official files on the ex-Beatle.

A lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, a non-profit organization, filed a suit Tuesday in the federal court in Los Angeles seeking the documents under the freedom of information act.

The suit was entered on behalf of Prof. Jonathan Wiener, of the University of California in Irvine, who is writing a book on Lennon and the U.S. politics of the 1960s.

Lennon was shot dead in New York on Dec. 8, 1980.

Prof. Wiener has said files already released to him under the freedom of information act re-

vealed that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation believed Lennon was about to lead a demonstration against President Nixon and followed him for months before the 1972 Republican presidential convention.

The files showed that the agents hoped to arrest Lennon on drug charges or "neutralise" him in some other way so that he could be deported, Prof. Wiener said.

Prof. Wiener said he received 12 kilogrammes of immigration files giving details of Lennon's successful three-year fight to stay in the United States despite a marijuana arrest in England.

Lennon never even went to Miami, where the Republican convention was held, the professor added.

Mrs. Thatcher reveals how she got into the job

PRIME MINISTER Edward Heath for the Conservative Party leadership.

The 57-year-old premier, Britain's "Iron Lady," says the politician who wants to get things done needs a "touch of steel, otherwise you'd be just like an India rubber."

Says that her challenge to Mr. Heath in 1974, after his four-year-old administration was rejected by voters at a general election, was instinctive.

Describing the events publicly for the first time, she says she thought someone ought to oppose Mr. Heath, whom she had served as education secretary.

"I was beginning to have some different views of a different emphasis," Mrs. Thatcher says.

The party was insisting that Ted (Heath) should put up as leader again. If they insisted, it seemed to me that someone had to put up against him."

Mrs. Thatcher believed that Sir Keith Joseph, then in charge of the Conservative Party's policy and research department, and now education secretary in her own cabinet, would do it.

"But he just came along to me and said, 'look, I want you to know that I am not going to stand.'

"Quite instinctively, I said, 'I am sorry.' Then I said straight away, 'well, if you are not, I am going to.'

Mrs. Thatcher says she was surprised at winning. "I couldn't believe it," she recalls. "I had never expected the leadership, let alone it happening that way."

Relations between Mr. Heath and Mrs. Thatcher have been frosty ever since and she did not offer him a place in her administration when she was elected prime minister.

In between talking about politics and her family, the prime minister shows off the fine works of art, furniture and furnishings at 10 Downing Street and reveals her strong sense of patriotism extends to the decoration of the residence.

Under Mrs. Thatcher, Italian masterpieces have been replaced with paintings by such British artists as Turner, Romney and Sir Joshua Reynolds.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

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Dear Charlie:

Here's a hand with a most unusual position. It cropped up in the Trials to select the Italian women's representatives for the current Venice Trophy Competition, being held in Biarritz, France.

I like West's jump to four spades, because it put a lot of pressure on the opponents. South wisely decided that she did not know whose hand

N. Orleans police officers deny beating up blacks

DALLAS (R) — Three New Orleans detectives Tuesday denied in court that they had beaten up blacks during the hunt for the killer of a white policeman.

One of the detectives, Dale Bonura, said it made no sense to beat up potential witnesses — "you want a witness to be on your side. You will expect him to testify for your side in court."

Mr. Bonura and six other policemen are charged with civil rights violations by using brutal methods to get information during a hunt for the murderer of Patrolman Gregory Neupauer in New Orleans in November 1980.

During the manhunt four blacks were shot dead by police, who said they had to open fire in self-defence.

Bulgarian defector confirms Italian suspicions of plot

NEW YORK (R) — A Bulgarian defector who defected to the West has told French intelligence agents that the Soviet KGB and the Bulgarian secret service masterminded the attempt to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981, the New York Times reported Wednesday.

The same accusations have been made by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turk who tried to kill the Pope and is now serving a life sentence.

The Times said it learned after a two-month investigation in seven countries that the Bulgarian official, Jordan Mantarov, told the French internal counter-espionage service of the alleged plot.

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